

Thank you for your interest in Western Carolina University Cheerleading!

The Western Carolina University Catamount Cheerleaders are prominent fixtures on campus and in the Cullowhee/Sylva community. In addition to cheering for football and men's and women's basketball, **Cats Cheer** also can be seen in the weight room, on the track, in practice, and in study hall, while still finding time to volunteer and make special appearances. In other words, cheerleading is a part of your daily schedule, and therefore, all cheerleaders must be finished with classes, work, study hall, etc., by 5:00 pm daily.

At Western, we are extremely lucky to be part of the athletics department. With this association come the obligations and responsibilities of all student athletes including things such as student-athlete meetings, random drug testing and participation in community service activities. Study hall is mandatory for all freshmen and other team members who do not meet specific GPA requirements (hours per week to be assigned). As student athletes, we have access to the computer lab, academic tutors and the training room. We are also given priority registration.

Try-outs for the 2007-2008 team are **April 20-22nd**. Registration will be from 6-6:30 pm on Friday (April 20) followed by a brief meeting before the try-out begins (**to avoid the registration rush, I would encourage you to print out and bring with you all completed try-out forms**). All material will be taught during the clinic (Friday evening/Saturday morning) and performed in front of the coaching staff during the actual try-out (Saturday afternoon). The team will likely be chosen on Saturday evening and our first practice for the new year will be on Sunday, April 22nd.

Standing tumbling requirements include back handspring (standing tucks and standing back handspring tucks will be scored higher). Running tumbling requirements include a round off back handspring series and/or tuck (pikes, whips, layouts, and fulls will be scored higher). We are a small coed team, therefore, we coed and all-girl stunt and will be looking for all positions at try-outs. If you are trying out as a flyer, you must be able to full out of a stretch (720 will be scored higher). We also will have a timed mile and interview component during the try-out weekend.

The team will be required to attend two summer weekend practices (June 15-17th and July 20-22nd) where we will begin preparation for the upcoming football season. A number of team members will be selected to represent WCU at the National Cheerleaders Association college camp in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in late August. In August 2006, our team brought home first place in the fight song division, numerous blue superior ribbons, and a bid to college nationals. One of our senior members was named "All-American" for the second-consecutive year.

The top priorities for **Cats Cheer** on campus are to raise school spirit, involve the crowd in the game, create a home field or home court advantage for our teams, and make Cullowhee an exciting place to enjoy college football and basketball. WCU cheerleading is very different from both high school and all-star cheerleading. In the past, we have competed in the small-coed division at the NCA national collegiate competition in Daytona Beach, Fla. However, this is an "extra" and something we work towards only after we have achieved our top priorities on campus and in the community.

You must understand that in your college life, cheerleading comes second only to schoolwork, and if you make the team, you are committed for the entire 2007-2008 season. We invite you to check out our website at www.CatamountSports.com and look forward to seeing you at try-outs in April.

Go Cats!
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WCU Cheerleading Coach
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Catamount Cheerleading

Name: _____

Try-Out #: _____

Hometown: _____

High School Attended: _____

Please list any academic honors/awards received:

Please list all cheerleading experience (high school, all-star, etc.):

Please list all dance experience:

Please list any team honors/championships/awards received (Cheer or Dance):

Please list any individual honors/awards received (Cheer or Dance):

Additional Information/Comments:

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TRYOUTS FOR ATHLETICS TEAM**

This is a legally binding release made by, _____, to Western Carolina University.

I fully recognize that there are dangers and risks to which I may be exposed to by trying out for _____, an intercollegiate athletics team at WCU. The following is a description and examples of specific, significant, non-obvious dangers and the risks associated with this activity: the possibility of musculoskeletal injury, orthopedic injury and/or general body aches and pains. I am aware that prior to participation in intercollegiate athletics, it is my responsibility to receive a pre-participation physical evaluation, as well as providing my own health insurance coverage. I understand that I am responsible for any expenses due to any injury I may suffer that occurs while I am trying out for the above intercollegiate athletics team at Western Carolina University.

I therefore agree to assume and take on myself all of the risks and responsibilities in any way associated with this activity. In consideration of and return for the opportunity, services, facilities, and other assistance provided to me by WCU in this activity, I release WCU (and its governing board, employees, and agents) from any and all liability, claims, and actions that may arise from injury or harm to me, from my death or from damage to my property in connection with this activity. I understand that this release covers liability, claims, and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act of WCU (or its governing board, employees or agents) including mistake, or failure to supervise by WCU.

I recognize that this Release means I am giving up, among other things, rights to sue WCU, its governing board, employees, and agents for injuries, damages, or losses I may incur. I also understand that this Release binds my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as myself.

I have read this entire Release. I fully understand it and I agree to be legally bound by it.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF YOUR RIGHTS. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

(Releasor's Signature)

(If under 18, Parent/ Guardian Signature)

(Date)